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Preliminary Amendment

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following redlined paragraph:

Wet brake systems are characterised by a sealed housing enclosing a braking surface which is coupled to a rotating body such as a wheel hub, and friction pads which can be forced into engagement with the braking surface. A volume of oil is contained in the housing providing lubrication between the pads and the braking surface. When the brake is applied, the pads are forced against the braking surface to provide a braking effect with any oil between the pads and the braking surface being expelled. The provision of oil greatly reduces the wear on the pads and the braking surface. Examples of wet brake systems are provided in Applicant's International applications published under numbers WO 93/07402, ~~WO 96/97034~~ WO 96/07034, WO 02/23060 and WO 02/10606.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 33, with the following redlined paragraph:

Preferably, the friction material is in the form of one or more pads of ~~fraction~~ friction material detachably coupled to the disc.